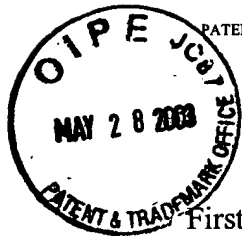




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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action, mailed February 24, 2003, in the above-identified application. Applicant submits herewith a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114. The RCE and Amendment are believed to be timely submitted. It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.